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Summary**

In 2010, Slovene field and house names in Carinthia (Kärnten) were included in the Austrian National Inventory of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. The traditional Slovene field and house names are part of the living cultural heritage and are deeply rooted in the minds of the Slovene and German-speaking Carinthian population. These names form an essential part of the linguistic and cultural identity of the Carinthian Slovenes. The preservation of local Slovene microtoponyms is a matter of major concern for many individuals, communities, associations, institutions and researchers in Carinthia. They try to not only document the traditional Slovene field and house names, but also consolidate them for daily use. For this purpose, maps and hiking maps featuring the names of the locations both in their dialect form and in standard Slovenian were created in previous years. The documented toponyms and maps are available at the Internet portal www.flurnamen.at (www.ledinskaimena.si).

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